

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBEN CORTEZ

Defendant.

**8:14CR363**

**ORDER**

This matter is before the court on the defendant's unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [294]. Counsel seeks additional time to finalize plea negotiations with the government. For good cause shown,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the defendant's unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [294] is granted as follows:

1. The jury trial now set for March 5, 2019, is continued to **April 9, 2019**.
2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and April 9, 2019**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B)(iv).

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Michael D. Nelson  
United States Magistrate Judge